

NEW YORK STATE SETS EXAMPLE FOR WHOLE COUNTRY IN PREPAREDNESS

(BY H. D. S.)

NEW YORK state has just taken the longest stride toward effecting a complete revolution in existing American military policy, ever made by any state or by the American republic in its whole life. The action taken is highly important as reflecting a slight swing of public sentiment toward ultimately adopting the teachings of Washington, Jefferson, and their patriotic contemporaries, upon the matter of preparedness, after laying aside with difficulty and reluctance the false ideas of later growth, that have hindered the natural course of this country and caused incalculable loss and woe.

Governor Whitman recently signed five bills having to do with military training and organization. The first authorizes the state educational department to require compulsory physical training (not primarily military) for all public and private school pupils above the age of 8.

The second provides for the compulsory military training of all boys between 16 and 19, except those regularly employed and formally excused. The military training is to be given after school hours and in summer camps.

The third act is the most progressive and drastic of all. It authorizes the governor to enroll all male citizens between 18 and 45, and to order, at any time, in time of peace or in time of war, a draft from this enrolled body of male citizens, in order to bring the national guard or any detachment of it up to full strength. The draft may be by age "classes" or by lot, or by any method not admitting the exercise of favoritism, sectional, political, or personal.

The fourth and fifth acts just added to the statute books authorize a reorganization of the naval militia and amend the military laws to provide for greater numbers and efficiency in the state guard.

The new laws are only in fulfillment of provisions of the national constitution, and in line with the consistent teachings of the fathers of the republic. Washington was so strongly imbued with the idea of necessary universal preparation for national defense that with the collaboration of his secretary of war, Gen. Henry Knox, he drew up a bill, which was presented to congress but not enacted, providing for the compulsory military training of youths (of 18 and 19 years of age, 30 days in a year, and of 20 years of age, 10 days in 30 days); at the age of 21 the youths who had received the required military discipline should be given a certificate "which shall be required as an indispensable qualification for exercising any of the rights of a free citizen." Washington and other leaders repeatedly wrote that men dodging their share of fundamental military duty should be barred from all rights of American citizenship. "All being bound," wrote Washington in advocating his compulsory training law, "none can complain of injustice on being obliged to perform his equal proportion."

"Therefore," concluded Gen. Washington, "it ought to be a permanent rule that those who in youth for no good reason decline or refuse to subject themselves to the course of military education established by the laws should be considered as unworthy of public trust of public honors and be excluded therefrom accordingly."

It is a correct principle, and the people of the United States will have to come to it. It is not "conscription" but the highest democracy, the very essence of free citizenship and free government. The so-called volunteer system is wholly unjust, inequitable, unfair, unwise, and inefficient. Call Gen. Washington's plan "universal military training in time of peace and universal service to the nation in time of war" and it is seen to be the very highest form of democracy, the only practical "preparedness" of the nation to defend its "right to peace."

The Irish Inquiry

In the inquiry into the activities of the Irish government while the Sinn Fein plot was hatching, we see Augustine Birrell, viscount Middleton and various others, including the admiralty and even Lord Kitchener, rapidly passing the buck. We gather from the testimony and from the correspondence made public that each of them knew some thousands of men were brewing mischief in Dublin and the neighboring counties; that each recommended that something be done and that, in the end, nothing was done until the storm broke and Dublin was bathed in blood.

The British government and the English overlords of Ireland just quibbled and blundered along as democracies—for such Britain really is—usually blunder along, and having made a complete mess of things, the government was obliged to muddle through, ending with the surrender of the Sinn Fein. England, forgetting that mercy is one of the most glorious manifestations of strength, has shot down the Irish leaders after hasty courts martial, forgetting that for a conquered foreign country, such as Ireland to revolt is not treason; it is merely a manifestation (even though unwise) of freedom's surging spirit. The executions smacked obviously of that Prussianism which Britain and the rest of the entente is ostensibly seeking to destroy.

From a standpoint of martial law, such as was immediately proclaimed in Ireland, there is no question of the legal justification of the executions. But there is very grave doubt as to the moral right involved. And as for expediency, the effect has been not only to make perhaps most of Ireland hateful, but to inspire in the Americas a feeling of irritation toward England and of sympathy for the rebels. We cannot but see that our own Washington, judged by this same British standard, was more a traitor than the Sinn Feiners, and doubly deserving of the gallows or the firing squad.

Short Snatches From Everywhere

To the auto speeder life is but a "fleeting show."—New York American.
Some men don't waste much when they spend their time fishing and hunting.—New York World.
Still, there are fewer Irishmen singing "Die Wacht am Rhein" than are singing the Marseillaise.—Boston Transcript.
Still, the Mexican situation remains a hopeless tangle, and the end is not visible to the naked eye.—Amarillo News.
Chancellor Day of Syracuse is against preparedness, but there is no record of his having turned down any endorsements.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.
Americans are drinking this year 18,000,000 gallons more whiskey and 40,000,000 gallons less of beer. Explain it who can.—Syracuse Post-Standard.
Where congress would really like to have the censorship law start is in the press gallery, and it may get around to that yet.—Boston Evening Transcript.
And to think that, after her exploits in England, anybody should dare to plant alarm clocks in a meeting addressed by Mrs. Frankfort.—Cleveland Leader.
A clothes cleaning shop in a Kansas town has this sign tacked on the wall: "Don't smoke cigarettes near the gasoline tank. If you are not worth much, gasoline is."—New Orleans States.
If this movement for military training and preparedness causes for women becomes popular, domestic discipline for husbands seems bound to become more rigorous than ever.—Providence Journal.
President Wilson says the American government has been "very patient." But a man of his linguistic abilities ought to have been able to find a more adequate term for it than that.—Cleveland Leader.
Stratford-on-Avon has raised more recruits than any other town in England in proportion to its size. The greatest of all Englishmen made no mistake when he selected the place of his birth.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Summer School Will Have Large Attendance Boys Must Stop Depredations In the Parks

"WE feel greatly encouraged over the outlook for the coming summer normal at Taos," said Miss Myra Winkler, county superintendent of schools. "We desired an attendance of 50 and undoubtedly will have a larger number of teachers. We have received some recognition from New Mexico and Arizona, and the very best cooperation from Taos people and the El Paso chamber of commerce. Our normal will be a success and this will mean much when we go to the legislature to ask for a permanent normal."

"The people of Alpine are in the attitude of 'watchful waiting,'" said county sheriff James "Buckskin" Healy, "regarding the possibility of their community being raided, they are ever on the alert and are organized. The Alpine could put up a good fight, for they are pretty good marksmen down there."

"We have been experiencing much trouble in several of the municipal parks recently from crowds of small boys who play in the park and tread on the flowers and shrubbery," said Don Hartman, city park superintendent. "Because of this in the future plain clothes officers will watch the parks and the boys will be arrested if found molesting the flowers and shrubbery. We would appreciate it very much if the parents of the boys would cooperate in keeping the boys from damaging the parks."

SOUTH'S CHIVALRY REFUSES VOTE TO WOMEN; ENSLAVES CHILDREN

Suffrage Leader Says Nation Can Rise no Higher Than Its Motherhood and That as We Regard Our Mothers, So Will the World Regard Us; Thinks Mothers as Safe With the Ballot as the New Foreigner.

"I've been as thoughtful of the rights of women as of their own, the country would not be in the present economic condition where men are losing their jobs to women who work for lower wages," said Mrs. Alice Snitler Burke, in her address on equal suffrage in Cleveland square Monday night.

"Men have protected themselves by labor organizations and laws stipulating the amount of hours they shall work and the minimum wage they shall receive, but in the states where men only have suffrage, the men have done nothing to lower the hours of a woman's work or standardize her wage, consequently when some firm desires to economize and discharge all its men employees, substituting instead women at half the wages, you men howl that the women are taking away your jobs. You men have done it yourself, for if you voters had passed a law granting equal pay for equal work, and the eight hour day law for women as well as for yourselves, these economic conditions would not exist."

The South and Chivalry.
"We hear a lot from the southern men about their chivalry," continued Mrs. Burke, "and how they do not want their women to be taken off the pedestal upon which they have been placed. But the examples of this chivalry result in the known fact that in the southern states are the worst laws on

Suffragist's Jabs At The Man Made Laws

Southern chivalry objects to women voting but it permits the age of consent in Georgia to be 16 years, the lowest in the United States. In South Carolina the chivalry of the men permits a system of child labor that is worse than the days of negro slavery. The chivalry of the men classes your own mother, wife, sweetheart or sister with the only three classes prohibited from the right of suffrage—criminals, idiots and imbeciles. Women don't want suffrage for the purpose of becoming office holders. They simply want their rightful half share in helping to make the laws by which they are governed. No nation is greater than its source. Surely the source of every nation is motherhood. As a nation regards its mothers, so in that nation regarded."

Worse Than Negro Slavery.
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Mrs. Burke said that men did not have the right to ask of women what they were going to do with the vote when they got it, or how they were going to use it.

No Right to Ask Why.
"No one of you men bother to think how you will vote. You do not ask the immigrant all these questions before permitting him to vote, after he is naturalized, you simply give him the right to vote and let it go at that. Yet the immigrant often merely comes here for a job and has no particular interest in the welfare of the country. The women have a vital interest in

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A boy's idea of a tightwad is th' feller who waits for a few pennies in change. A bee in th' hive is worth two in th' bonnet. (Protected by Adams Newspaper Service)

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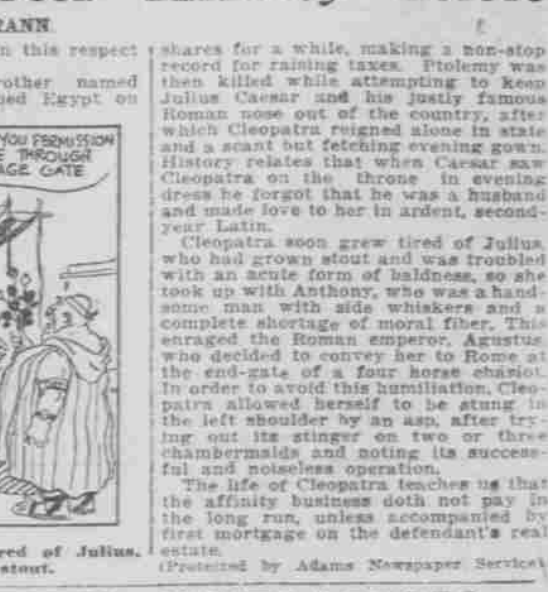
The Local Work.
Mrs. S. J. Pennell, the president of the Equal Franchise league, told of the work of the league and how in addition to endeavoring to awaken an interest in equal suffrage the league was endeavoring to help the conditions of little children through its "Better Babies" contest, the "Save the Babies" week and the "Cloudcroft sanatorium for babies" which the league will manage for this summer.

Mrs. Burke and Miss Richardson spoke on the streets of El Paso at noon today from their automobile, the "Golden Flyer," in which they are traveling from coast to coast speaking at all towns through which they pass, to get women representatives to attend the conventions at St. Louis and Chicago and take part in the suffrage demonstrations in favor of having the suffrage plank introduced in all party platforms. They will leave this evening to continue their westward journey. Their next stop will be Deming.

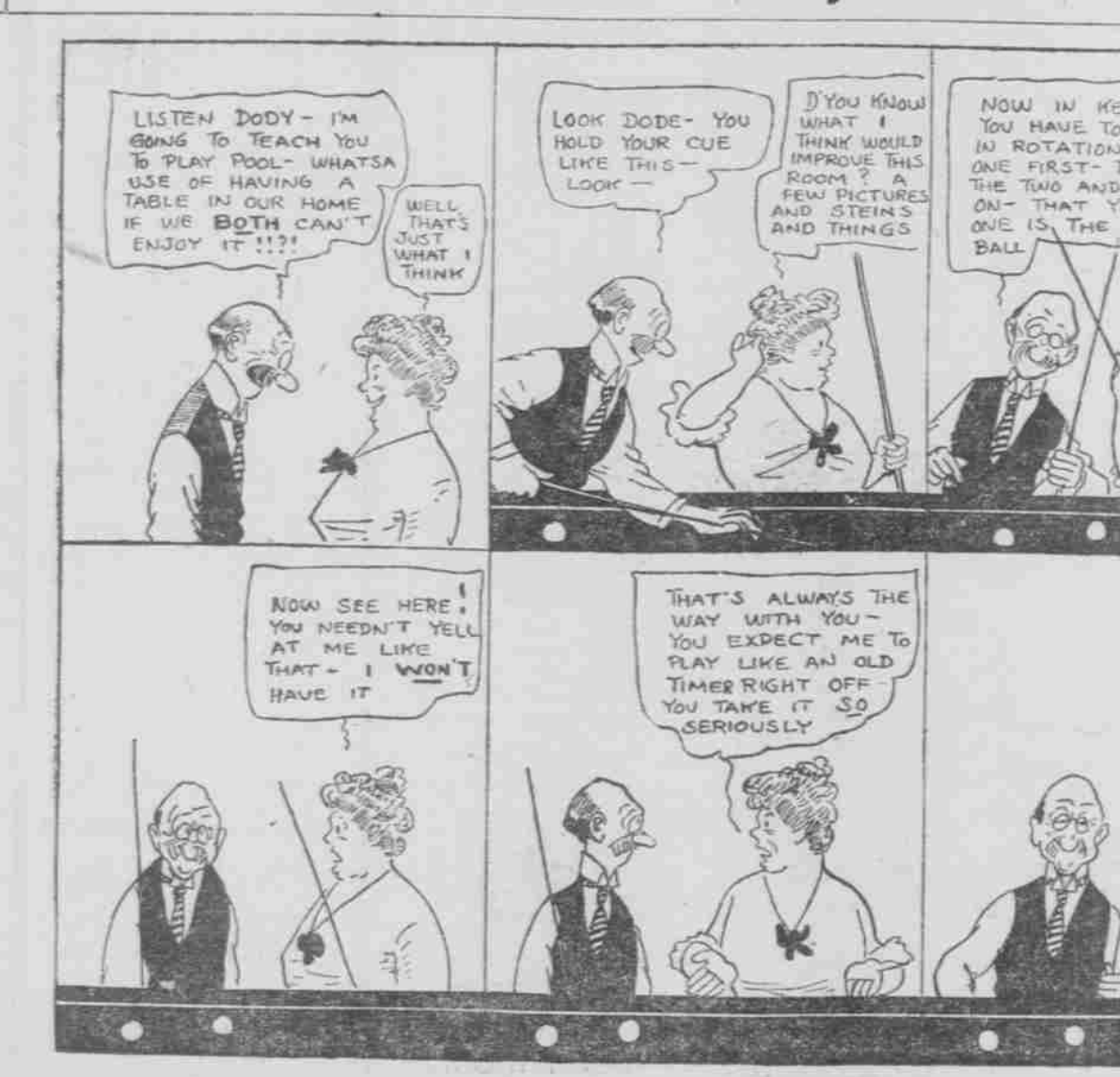
Cleopatra Originated the Affinity Habit Thousands Had Never Seen Affinity Before

BY HOWARD L. RANN

CLEOPATRA was an Egyptian queen who originated the affinity habit, which of late years has become such a popular and flourishing industry in this country. When Cleopatra was on earth affinities were harder to find than buttons on a laundered shirt, and thousands of people had never seen the picture of one in a newspaper. How different it is at the present time, when the dawn of every new day brings forth some new, peroxide affinity who wants nothing but love, plus an upkeep expense of \$100 a month. Cleopatra was a tall, languorous brunette of striking appearance, particularly when dressed for the opera, as was the case on the time. She was heavily addicted to the sin of negligence, which has since been adopted by every shadow dancer that ever got past first base. She was also a highly educated woman, a graduate of the high school, and could speak plain, rugged Egypt with great fluency. However, we regret to state that Cleopatra was not a home body. She was a poor cook, and could not make a batch of plain, salt-rising bread without burning it on the bottom. In this respect she was a total failure. Cleopatra had a brother named Ptolemy, and they farmed Egypt on shares for a while, making a non-stop record for raising taxes. Ptolemy was then killed while attempting to keep Julius Caesar's army from taking a Roman nose out of the country, after which Cleopatra reigned alone in state and a scant but fetching evening gown. History relates that when Caesar saw Cleopatra on the throne in evening dress he forgot that he was a husband and made love to her in ardent, second-year Latin. Cleopatra soon grew tired of Julius, who had grown stout and was troubled with an acute form of baldness, so she took up with Anthony, who was a handsome man with side whiskers and a complete package of moral fiber. This enraged the Roman emperor, Augustus, who decided to convey her to Rome at the end of a four horse chariot. In order to avoid this humiliation, Cleopatra allowed herself to be stung in the left shoulder by an asp, after trying out its stinger on two or three chambermaids and noting its successful and noiseless operation. The affinity of Cleopatra teaches us that the affinity business does not pay in the long run, unless accompanied by first mortgage on the defendant's real estate. (Protected by Adams Newspaper Service)



Showing Friend Wife How to Play Pool



By Briggs



WILL CELEBRATE FLAG DAY, JUNE 14

Elks and D. A. R. Complete Program To Be Given Jointly at 8 p. m.

Committees from the El Paso chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and El Paso lodge of Elks have completed a program for the celebration of flag day in El Paso on June 14.

The celebration will take place in Cleveland square in the evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, and the program will be rendered by the Elks and the D. A. R. The Elk ritual for flag day will be given first and there will be chorus singing and band music, patriotic selections being rendered.

Addresses on the flag will be made by V. R. Stiles, R. D. Barnum, C. D. Hudepeth and Mrs. L. Robinson. Miss Mary Kelly will recite a poem on the flag. The audience will participate in singing the patriotic music.

The bandstand will be decorated in American flags.

The committee in charge of the celebration include C. D. Stiles, W. E. McSain and Ed Kneidel from the Elks, and Mesdames Caroline Evans, Burdette and W. H. Aldridge from the D. A. R.

START CAMPAIGN FOR ROOSEVELT IN ALL STATES

Committee With Membership in 30 States Works for Colonel's Interests.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 22.—The Roosevelt Republican committee, claiming membership in 30 states, is today beginning its active work in furthering a campaign to nominate Col. Theodore Roosevelt for president of the United States. George von L. Meyer, former secretary of the navy, is at the head of the movement. He is one of the former president's closest friends.

Mr. Meyer Monday headed a delegation of 25 members of the committee which called upon Col. Roosevelt and formally notified him of the organization and its intention to campaign for him.

Col. Roosevelt then enumerated the principles for which he has declared he is fighting, and added: "I am naturally very deeply touched and pleased by your action. I accept it absolutely in the spirit in which you have taken it. You are for me because you regard me as representing and embodying the aggressive movement for thorough going Americanism and the outgrowing preparedness. Your devotion is in the cause and to the man only insofar as he is for the time being, embodies the cause."

"I now hold, and shall continue to hold this great time of crisis in our country's history, because it is a great crisis in the history of the world. If we are unprepared, if we are split and sundered by rivalries of creed, of sectional and national origin, if our country's action is to be conditioned by hesitations, the career of the United States as a great factor in the world's civilization is at an end."

"There is no use of being for half measures of Americanism and preparedness. Still less is it of any use for any public man to announce himself in vague general terms as in favor of Americanism and preparedness unless his whole course of action and his life has made it evident and now makes it evident, that he means just exactly what he says."

Will Establish Sanatoriums.
The order maintains nine orphan homes representing an investment of \$2,000,000, and nearly all the other states have foundation funds to take care of widows and orphans.

"The next great move will be the establishment of tubercular sanatoriums in various parts of the country."

Welcomed by Local Knights.
Mr. Young was welcomed to the city by a large delegation of local knights headed by P. S. Goen, grand chancellor of the grand lodge of Texas. He was then taken in hand by a committee composed of E. H. Ellis, T. L. Peach and C. E. Stevens and given an automobile ride over the city. A visit to Juarez was also made.

Tuesday afternoon Mr. Young was shown the lower valley. A dinner at 7 and a reception on the Paso del Norte roof at 8 followed.

Towser

I DROVE a horse for a long, long time, through the summer dust and the winter time I jugged along in my one-hoof shay, and never dreamed that a better way of locomotion I ever would find, and Towser trotted along behind. A happy dog was Towser then; he got acquainted with dogs and men, and found his bones on the right of way, the while he followed my one-hoof shay. But Dobbin, the horse, grew out of date, and I bought a car that can hit a gait of forty miles in a fleeting hour, a thing that thrives with restlessness power. Old Towser followed the car one day, as I searched the road on my homeward way; he kept in sight for three parangs, and then he muttered some howlowing dings, and sneaked back home with a broken heart, and died 'neath a one-hoof cart. Alas, old dog, 'twas a bitter end, for one that long was a faithful friend, but the world moves on, and that dog must fade that is too slow for the great parade; must lay him down 'neath the butter-cups—and it's true of men, just as well as pups. (Protected by the Adams Newspaper Service.)

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